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## **Interim Executive Director Report** **June 9, 2016**

### USDOL – REGION 6

Our federal partners met with WDC staff this week to conduct a WIOA implementation assessment. Among the items discussed were WDC's organizational structure, staffing, governance and oversight, adult, dislocated worker and youth services and the unified state plan. They will provide their observations, next steps and guidance on technical assistance in a meeting later today. The assessment period was from June 2 to June 9, 2016.

As part of their technical assistance, they will be conducting an orientation to the WDC board members. Thank you to John Bailey, Regional Director, Office of State Systems; Denise Dombek, Division Chief, Division of Workforce Investment; and Ingrid Schonfield, Federal Project Officer for Hawaii.

Jeanne Ohta and I will be attending the State Workforce Administrator's meeting hosted by USDOL – Region 6 in San Francisco on June 23 – 24, 2016.

### UNIFIED STATE PLAN

Ingrid Schonfield informed WDC that Hawaii has received conditional approval for the unified state plan. The official letter from USDOL will be mailed to the Governor and will be sent within a couple of weeks. The letter will provide details on how to submit revisions and deadline information. Ms. Schonfield indicated the deadline will be sometime in September. We have informed Betsy Kim in the Governor's office to be on the lookout for the letter.

In the meantime, WDC will continue to work with WIOA Consultant Jeff Fantine to update the unified state plan and respond to the requested revisions from the USDOL and inform the board members and the County Workforce Development Boards on updates.

### WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)

There are different groups working on WIOA and a new effort is underway to consolidate participants involved with the Employment First State Leadership State

Mentoring Program (EFSLMP) and Vision Quest to join the Career Pathways Task Force.

WDC submitted a letter of support to the US Office for Career Technical and Adult Education for the State's application to participate in the Intensive Technical Assistance grant. If selected, Hawaii would be assigned a coach to provide guidance for one year on our efforts to develop a comprehensive statewide career pathways system.

May 18, 2016 – Mr. Fantine facilitated the Career Pathways Task Force meeting.

WDC has participated in a conference call with the UH, the Hawaii Bankers Association and other stakeholders to learn more about their approach to an industry-led partnership in banking and finance that was facilitated by Francie Genz. Scott Murakami is among the many who are involved with this industry driven effort. The first meeting of banking and finance executives will be held on June 9, 2016. This model of industry-lead partnerships has been successfully used across the country as a venue for better understanding industry's fast-changing needs, collaborating across programs to build responsive career pathways systems, and mobilizing industry leaders to work as full partners who are invested in lasting solutions.

WDC met with representatives from the WRIS and WRIS2 Administration to discuss the Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS). They were in Hawaii to conduct an assessment of Hawaii's data sharing system. DLIR's Research & Statistics, Unemployment Insurance and Workforce Development Division were also in attendance.

#### COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS (WDB)

May 13, 2016 – We had a productive meeting with representatives from Kauai regarding budget and contracts. Mahalo to George Costa, Kent Hirokawa, Nalani Brun and Kaeo Bradford for their willingness to meet and openly discuss outstanding items. The next meeting has been scheduled on July 22, 2016.

Another round of stakeholders meeting were conducted to gather information, ideas and feedback to include in the unified state plan. We'd like to extend a special thank you to Chair David DeLuz, Jr and Michelle Arima, and Chair Leslie Wilkins and Roland Prieto for hosting and coordinating their respective meetings. We gathered useful information.

May 16, 2016 – Hawaii County WIOA Stakeholders meeting

May 17, 2016 – Maui WIOA Stakeholders meeting

May 19, 2016 – Oahu WIOA Stakeholders meeting

June 3, 2016 – WDC's fiscal officer conducted a budget training for the Oahu WDB Executive Director. They worked on the PY16 budget.

June 8, 2016 – WDC's Conflict of Interest policy was provided to the WDB Chairs and Executive Directors, per request.

WDC is coordinating with Peter Quigley of UH to conduct a special presentation to the County WDBs on a data system that uses labor market data to align education with industry demand by industry sectors. Date is pending.

State guidelines for the County WDB local plan will be issued by June 17, 2016. WDB Chairs and Executive Directors will be notified.

#### OUTREACH

May 22, 2016 - WDC staff met with representatives from the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) as a greet and meet and initiate conversation on ways our organizations can work together in the future.

Report respectfully submitted by Allicyn Tasaka, Interim Executive Director

